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August 13, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

31 August 13, 2013

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AID-TO-CITIES
FOOTHILL BOULEVARD FROM VERDUGO BOULEVARD
TO COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND ON ANGELES CREST HIGHWAY
FROM INTERSTATE 210 FREEWAY TO FOOTHILL BOULEVARD
EVALUATION AND DESIGN OF A COORDINATED
TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM PROJECT AND
ADOPT RESOLUTION 3940 FOR ALLOCATION OF AID-TO-CITIES FUNDS
CITY OF LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the disbursement of Aid-to-Cities (ATC) funds in the amount of \$23,174 to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for a portion of the cost of the evaluation and design of a coordinated traffic signal system on Foothill Boulevard from Verdugo Boulevard to Commonwealth Avenue and on Angeles Crest Highway from Interstate 210 Freeway to Foothill Boulevard. Adopt Resolution 3940 approving County of Los Angeles allocation of the City's ATC funds in the amount of \$23,174 for the project. The project will be administered by the City.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the evaluation and design of a coordinated traffic signal system on Foothill Boulevard from Verdugo Boulevard to Commonwealth Avenue and on Angeles Crest Highway from Interstate 210 Freeway to Foothill Boulevard is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. Find that the evaluation and design of a coordinated traffic signal system on Foothill Boulevard from Verdugo Boulevard to Commonwealth Avenue and on Angeles Crest Highway from Interstate 210 Freeway to Foothill Boulevard in the City of La Cañada Flintridge is of general County interest and that County-aid shall be provided to the City to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax in the amount of \$23,174.

3. Adopt Resolution 3940 to approve County of Los Angeles allocation of the City of La Cañada Flintridge Aid-to-Cities funds in the amount of \$23,174 for the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide the City with its remaining ATC funds in the amount of \$23,174 for the cost of evaluation and design of a coordinated traffic signal system on Foothill Boulevard from Verdugo Boulevard to Commonwealth Avenue and on Angeles Crest Highway from Interstate 210 Freeway to Foothill Boulevard.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). By evaluating the traffic operation and designing improvements to signal operations and infrastructure, the residents of the City and nearby unincorporated County communities who travel on Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway will benefit with enhanced traffic safety and improved quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The project is entirely within the City. A portion of the City's project cost will be financed by County ATC funds in the amount of \$23,174, which is allocated to the City and on account with the County. The County's anticipated expenses for the ATC program are budgeted annually in the Road Fund Budget administered by the Department of Public Works.

The \$23,174 necessary to finance this request are available in the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed resolution has been approved, as to form, by County Counsel.

ATC is authorized by Sections 1680-1684 and 1686 of the California Streets and Highways Code. Sections 1680-1684 provide that the Board of Supervisors may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County-aid shall be extended therefore. Section 1686 allows the Board, by a resolution adopted by four-fifths of its members, to determine that County-aid shall be extended for the improvement or maintenance of streets within a city or extending along or across the boundary of a city.

The County's ATC program is governed by policies adopted by the Board on September 28, 1982, Synopsis 69, and on March 20, 1990, Synopsis 40. The 1982 policy provided for a portion of the County's gasoline tax funds to be apportioned annually to cities in accordance with a prescribed formula. The 1990 Board action revised the policy for the Fiscal Year 1989-90 ATC funds allocations, directing the funds be allocated to cities for the following purposes: (1) Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization projects, (2) Transportation Systems Management and Congestion Management projects that improve regional traffic mobility, and (3) design, acquisition of right-of-way, and construction of city streets on the County Highway Plan that are of general County interest and regional significance providing that the regional priorities in 1 and 2 are met to the satisfaction of the County of Los Angeles Director of Public Works.

County ATC apportionments were discontinued in Fiscal Year 1990-91. However, some cities have unclaimed ATC allocations from preceding years on account with the County. The City has cooperated in the implementation of regional Traffic Signal Synchronization projects, Transportation Systems Management, and Congestion Management projects. Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway are on the County Highway Plan and are of general County interest and regional significance. Therefore, we have determined that the proposed use of ATC funds meets all of the Board's previously adopted criteria for use of ATC funds. The requested amount of \$23,174 represents all of the City's remaining ATC funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1(x), Subsections 4, 19, and 22 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for modification of existing traffic signal systems, highway channelization, and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Modification and improvement of signal operations and infrastructure of the existing traffic signals along Foothill Boulevard and Angeles Crest Highway are needed and is of general County interest. This project will enhance the quality of life for motorists and pedestrians who travel on these streets.

At the conclusion of the project, the City will continue to maintain and operate the project at the City's expense. There is no impact on current County services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and a copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 13th day of August, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI
County Counsel

By

Julia Weissman
Deputy

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By

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Deputy